



Date: April 8, 2008

Contact: Lynn Morrison, 954-538-9996 ext. 250, [lamorrison@browardlibrary.org](mailto:lamorrison@browardlibrary.org)

Broward County Commission Libraries Division Announces  
**AnimeFest '08 Offers Video Game Design and More at  
Southwest Regional Library**

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – AnimeFest '08 will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Southwest Regional Library located at 16835 Sheridan Street in Pembroke Pines. All fans of Japanese traditional and pop culture ages 11 and up are invited to participate in this free event!

Special performances and events include:

- The Ronin Taiko drummers
- A traditional tea ceremony and Japanese arts shared by the Morikami Museum
- Sushi rolling demonstrated by Mitsutoshi Sekita of Kuome Japanese Restaurant in Sunrise



Workshops include:

- Marika Levine, creative writing and anime instructor presents “Across the World in 16 Hours: A Fan’s Guide to Tokyo”
- George Pearson, from Florida International University, presents “Hidden Treasures of Anime/Manga/Video Games
- Heather Scott, owner of Dragonmun Studios and Comics, will be demonstrating free internet sites to create art, as well as providing cosplay tips and tricks
- Demetrius T. Veasy II, aspiring artist and publisher of his own comic, will hold an Anime/Manga Character Drawing class

Furthermore, additional anime screenings, art exhibits, and numerous vendors in the library with related merchandise will be available. Video gaming arcades by Noobie Games of North

Miami, a Kendo/laido demonstration by the South Florida Kendo Club, and a cosplay contest with prizes will also take place as part of the day's activities.

The event is co-sponsored by the Broward Public Library Foundation, Friends of Southwest Regional Library in Pembroke Pines, and Tate's Comics + Toys + Videos + More.

Southwest Regional Library is located 1 mile west of I-75 at 16835 Sheridan Street and Jaguar Way, in the Academic Village, Pembroke Pines, FL 33331.

For more information, please call Southwest Regional Library at 954-538-9996.

The award-winning Broward County Libraries Division, founded in 1974, provides essential quality-of-life community service as well as outstanding customer service throughout Broward County. The Library consists of 37 branches that provide three million items and more than 2,000 computers for public use, and after-school literacy, youth, and teen programs. Its website, [www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library), includes free online reference and information databases in addition to access about library services, locations, and events that customers access on average 300,000 times a month. The Broward County Library is the ninth-largest library system in the United States, serving more than nine million walk-in customers annually.

# # #